

Annex I

Financing Decision on

the acquisition of financial software for the calculation of additional financial parameters underlying the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) by the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office)

Title	Acquisition of financial software for the calculation of additional financial parameters underlying the weighted average cost of capital (WACC)
Short description and objectives	DESCRIPTION The Commission aims at providing non-binding guidance to the NRAs concerning the methodology to be used for determining the reasonable rate of return on investments made in telecommunications legacy networks (to be fed in the pricing decisions adopted with respect to the regulated access services) in order to harmonize the approaches for the calculation of the weighted average cost of capital in the EU. Following the publication by the Commission of the Notice on cost of capital for EU electronic communications regulators, accompanied by the Staff Working Document providing further details on the proposed methodology, BEREC is to undertake the EU-wide computational exercise on a yearly basis. The parameters calculated by BEREC will be used by the NRAs as input in their own models for calculating the price for the regulated services. <u>OBJECTIVE</u> The objective of the procurement is to provide BEREC with the adequate (in terms of countries covered, time span, complexity of indicators and correspondence to the Commission's requirements) access to (raw) financial market data set including historical data series etc. for its own computation. There is therefore a requirement to acquire the financial software for additional financial parameters as set out in this Financing Decision.

Basic Act	Regulation (EU) 2018/1971 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 establishing the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) and the Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office), amending Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1211/2009
Budget Line	Budget line: BERO-B2020-B3001-C1-BEREC
Method of implementation	Public procurement
Contract value for the budgetary year	Maximum € 43,000 (forty three thousand EUR) is envisaged for the budget year 2020.
Additional information	A contract shall be concluded to ensure the acquisition of financial software needed by BEREC for the calculation of additional financial parameters underlying the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) for an initial period of 12 months.
	The contract may be renewed up to two times for 12 months each, subject to budget availability and prior MB approval within the course of the annual programming cycle.
	The maximum amount of the contract shall not exceed € 145,000 (one hundred forty five thousand EUR) over its maximum duration of 36 months.
Indicative timeframe for the procedure	Signing of the contract in Q2 2020.
Expected results	Publishing by BEREC of the results of its computations and use by all the NRAs of these results in their pricing decisions to be adopted.